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**SEQUESTERED:**

Academy feels effects, but graduation, in-processing still on

By Don Brnum  
Academy Spirit staff writer

Sequestration took effect at midnight March 1, potentially affecting nearly 1,500 civilian employees at the Academy, but it is not expected to push back Class of 2013 graduation or Class of 2017 in-processing.

The Air Force has proposed civilian furloughs covering 22 discontinuous days from April to September, said Gail Colvin, the Academy's director of staff.

"If the furlough begins at the end of April, we know that it will be a hardship on our civilian employees," Colvin said. "It's incumbent upon supervisors to talk to those who may be furloughed to ensure they understand what it might entail for them and their families and refer them to appropriate agencies, such as the Airman and Family Readiness Center, for counseling or any other service they might require."

According to Defense Department guidance, Non-appropriated fund employees are exempt from the furloughs because their pay does not come from Congressional appropriations. Academy senior leaders do not currently project any other civilian exceptions.

However, civilians in mission-essential positions are not immune, said Col. John Linn, the Academy's Manpower and Personnel director.

The furloughs will cut approximately \$8 million from the Academy's budget for civilian salaries, said Lt. Col. Frank Verdugo, the Financial Management director and comptroller here.

The Academy has postured itself since mid-January to reduce spending through cutting non-mission-essential travel and supplies and instituting a civilian hiring freeze, Verdugo said.

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DON BRNUM

Lt. Col. Joe Fulton and his brother, Capt. Tom Fulton, took two distinct paths but ended up at the Air Force Academy, where they will end their careers during a joint retirement ceremony in May. Joe is the Astronautics Department deputy head; Tom is a calculus instructor with the Mathematical Sciences Department.

# A tale of two brothers

Academy instructors set out on different paths but headed for same finish line

*Editor's Note: This is Part 1 of a two-part series, "A Tale of Two Brothers." Look for Part 2 in the March 15 Academy Spirit.*

By Don Brnum  
Academy Spirit staff writer

Call them the tortoise and the hare.

Lt. Col. Joe Fulton hates running. His younger brother, Capt. Tom Fulton, loves it. When the two meet every other day to run together, the younger Fulton outruns the colonel.

The comparison also applies to their careers, with Tom enlisting into the Air Force straight out of high school while Joe went to college first. But while they started in separate places and at separate times, the two Academy instructors will end their careers here together.

Joe and Tom both graduated from Roscommon High School in Roscommon, Mich., with Joe, who's older by 14 months, graduating a year ahead of Tom.

But while Joe headed to college, Tom headed for the Air Force recruiter's office.

"I did not want to go to college," Tom said. "It was kind of a way to get out of the small town that we lived in." Because he hadn't yet turned 18, he still needed a parent's signature to sign up.

Tom had signed up with a guaranteed job as an F-16 Fighting Falcon jet engine mechanic, but a visit from combat controllers during Basic Military Training piqued his interest. He decided to apply for the role, which meant taking the Air Force's Physical Ability and Stamina Test.

"I could run; I could swim; I could do any calisthenic: push-ups, pull-ups. So I scored really well on the test," he said. "So I converted from jet engine mechanic into combat control."

But after about six weeks in combat controller training, Tom started having second doubts.

"I was just like, 'What am I doing?' I was 17 years old, and I got to talk to Army Rangers who were taking our course and all these other guys," he said. "Hearing the stories, I thought, 'I'll be 18 once I graduate ... I don't want to be in a war environment

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# President nominates 1st female superintendent

By Don Branum  
Academy Spirit staff writer

NATO's deputy chief of staff for operations and intelligence has been nominated by the president to become the Air Force Academy's 19th superintendent and, if confirmed by the Senate, would become the first woman to hold the position.

Maj. Gen. Michelle Johnson, a distinguished graduate of the Academy's Class of 1981, was the Academy's first female cadet wing commander and its first female Rhodes scholar.

Johnson served at the Academy as an assistant professor of political science, instructor pilot and associate air officer commanding from July 1989 to May 1992. Her assignments also include commander of the 97th Operations Group at Altus Air Force Base, Okla., and commander of the 22nd Air Refueling Wing at McConnell AFB, Kan. From March to November 2007, she served as director of public affairs for the Secretary of the Air Force.

Johnson's joint assignments include the Air Force aide to the president from 1992-1994, deputy director for information and cyberspace policy at the Joint Staff in Washington and director of strategy, policy, programs and logistics for U.S. Transportation Command at Scott AFB, Ill., in addition to her current assignment.

Johnson is a command pilot with more than 3,600 flying hours in C-141 Starlifters, KC-10 Extenders, C-17



Maj. Gen. Michelle Johnson

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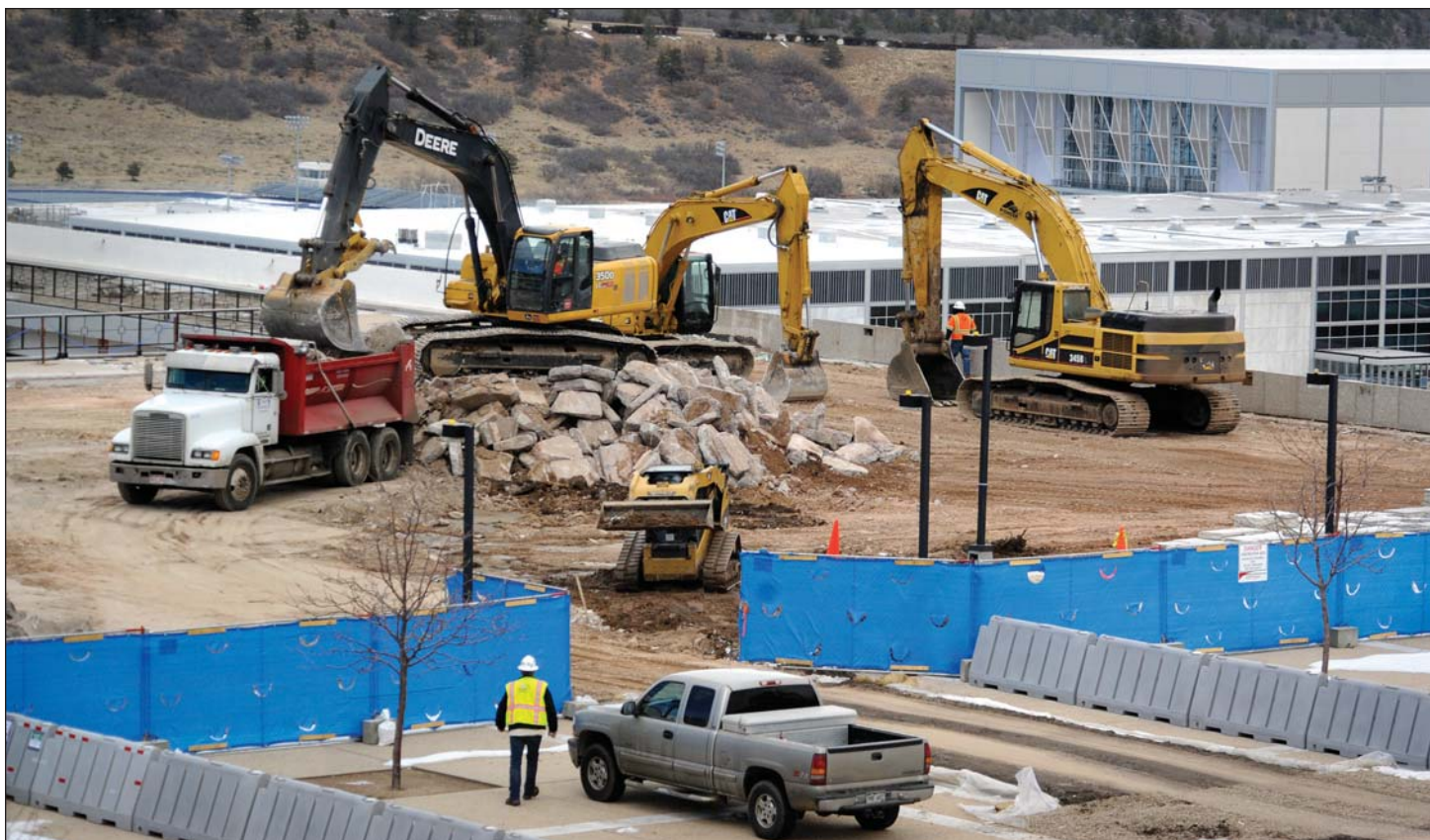
Her awards and decorations include two Defense Superior Service Medals, two Legion of Merit medals, two Air Force Meritorious Service Medals, an Aerial Achievement Medal, an Air Force Commendation Medal and an Air Force Achievement Medal.

Johnson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in operations research from the Academy. She attended Oxford University from 1981-1983, earning a Master of Arts degree in politics and economics. She also holds a master's degree in national security strategy from the National War College at Fort Lesley

J. McNair in Washington. She was a Syracuse University national security management fellow, a member of Harvard University's senior executive fellows program and a fellow in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Seminar XXI for foreign politics, international relations and the national interest.

Johnson played varsity basketball all four years while she attended the Academy: she is the second all-time leading scorer in Air Force women's basketball with 1,706 points. She was twice named an Academic All-American and was inducted into the Academic All-American Hall of Fame in 2007, making her the first woman from the Academy and one of only six graduates with that distinction. In addition, she was named the Academy's most outstanding scholar-athlete in 1991.

No date has been set for the Change of Command.



CAROL LAWRENCE

## Construction ongoing on new leadership center

Work crews remove concrete from the upper Terazzo near Harmon Hall Wednesday in preparation for construction of the Academy's Center for Character and Leadership Development. All Academy staff and visitors are asked to avoid using the temporary construction road, marked by signs and barrier tape, while traveling in the area. Construction is scheduled to last through September 2014. Look for construction updates as they become available. Look for CCLD construction stories in upcoming editions of the Academy Spirit.

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# Air Force cuts aviation support at public events

Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Air Force leadership has cancelled all aviation support to public events for at least the remainder of the fiscal year and is standing down the Thunderbirds Aerial Demonstration squadron to save flying hours to support readiness needs.

Effective March 1, active-duty, Reserve and Guard units ceased all aviation support to the public including all air shows, trade shows, flyovers (including funerals and military graduations), orientation flights, heritage flights, F-22 Raptor demonstration flights and open houses, unless the event includes only local static assets.

Additionally, the Air Force will cancel the Thunderbirds' entire 2013 season beginning April 1.

The Thunderbirds and Heritage Flight crews will complete their certification procedures for safely flying aerial demonstrations in case the budget allows resumption of scheduled events in 2013, and the Air Force will cease participation in heritage flights following certification.

The Air Force will reduce



The Air Force will cancel the Thunderbirds' entire 2013 season beginning April 1, including the flyover at the Academy's 2013 graduation ceremony.

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flying hours by as much as 18 percent — approximately 203,000 hours — directly affecting operational and training missions.

“While we will protect flying operations in Afghanistan and other contingency areas, nuclear deterrence and initial flight training, roughly two-thirds of our active-duty combat Air Force units will curtail home station training,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III.

Because all aerial support to public and military events are flown at no additional cost to the taxpayer using allotted training hours, the Air Force had no choice but to cancel support to these events.

“Engaging with the public is a core Air Force mission and communicating and connect-

ing with the public is more important today than ever before. However, faced with deep budget cuts, we have no choice but to stop public aviation support,” said Director of Air Force Public Affairs Brig. Gen. Les Kodlick. “The Air Force will reevaluate the program at the end of the fiscal year and look for ways to curtail the program without having to cancel aviation support altogether.”

The Air Force will continue to seek additional ways to remain engaged with the American public.

For more information, contact Air Force Public Affairs at [aerial.events@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:aerial.events@pentagon.af.mil) or 703-695-9664. For information specific to the Thunderbirds, call 757-764-5007.

# Commissaries, schools to be affected by sequestration

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Civilian personnel at Department of Defense Education Activity schools and the Defense Commissary Agency will be affected by sequestration, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said, Monday.

The department will struggle to ensure DODEA — which serves 84,000 students at 194 schools — maintains an accredited school year, Little said.

“We’re mindful that we need to protect the education of military children,” Little told reporters at the Pentagon. But teachers and support personnel at DODEA schools will be subject to the furlough. DOD civilian personnel will be furloughed one day a week from April through the end of September, unless Congress intervenes.

“We are going to do everything we can to manage the furlough process in a manner that enables military children to receive an accredited school year for this academic year,” he said.

Summer school will not be affected by furloughs, Little said, but the first month of the 2014 school year could be.

It’s also “likely,” he said, that the 247 commissaries worldwide will be forced to close one additional day each week. Commissaries are already closed Mondays.

Commissary workers also will be furloughed, Little said. “This will cause pain,” he said.

Furloughs will cut into commissary workers’ paychecks, and for patrons, it means there will be one less day each week to shop at a military commissary. This would not start immediately but would kick in at the same time that furloughs begin — probably at the end of April.

Sequestration, which also will affect military readiness and operations, is “something we are going to have to manage, while we protect the country,” Little said.

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Commuters drive on Interstate 25 near Interquest Parkway in February. The Colorado Department of Transportation has begun a construction project to widen Interstate 25 from four to six lanes between Woodmen Road and State Highway 105 in Monument. The project may pose delays or slow Academy commuters to and from the installation.

DON BRANUM

# I-25 construction begins

Widening project to affect Academy commute

By Amber Baillie  
Academy Spirit staff writer

Colorado traffic officials advise those working on the Academy to commute with caution, as construction to widen Interstate 25 from a four- to six- lane highway officially began March 1 between Woodmen Road to Academy Boulevard. Construction is expected to impact traffic in the next few weeks.

Work on segment one of phase one of the \$66.4 million dollar project is in motion until May to widen the highway median between the two ex-

its, narrowing lanes and reducing the speed limit from 65 to 55 mph in the middle of this month.

“Crews are currently conducting core drilling and utility relocations,” Bob Wilson, Colorado Department of Transportation public relations manager. “Concrete barriers will be put up in mid-March and the speed limit will be reduced by 10 mph in work zones.”

It’s imperative that drivers slow down and pay attention during construction, Wilson said.

“Even with the speed limit being reduced to 55 mph, it’s still a high

rate of speed and lanes will be more narrow and congested,” Wilson said. “Safety comes first. Pay attention to work crews and don’t mess with your iPod or text while driving.”

The project is to be completed by Dec. 31, 2014. The design-build team, Kiewit Infrastructure Co., has committed to finishing the project in half of that time, hoping to complete the additional lanes by the end of 2013. Crews will widen 11 miles of I-25 north and south, from two lanes to three between Woodman Road and State Highway 105 in Monument.

Other project components include

adding auxiliary lanes at on and off ramps between the Woodman Road and Interquest Parkway interchanges, changing the ramp configuration at Northgate Boulevard, relocating and improving the Ackerman Overlook and relocating and expanding the truck chain-up station south of Baptist Road.

Approximately 100,000 vehicles travel north of Woodmen Road on I-25 every day, according to CDOT.

The next segment of phase one of the project is to begin in April at Academy Boulevard and Interquest Parkway.

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By Amber Baillie  
Academy Spirit staff writer

Service members can receive immediate relief from cold and cough symptoms without requiring an appointment or having to miss work.

Through the Adult Over-the-Counter Medication Program at the 10th Medical Group, enrolled beneficiaries can meet with a clinical pharmacist to discuss symptoms and receive prescribed, OTC medications within 10 minutes.

“The Academy is offering this program to alleviate the inconvenience of taking time off work to attend a medical appointment for minor cough and cold symptoms,” said

Lt. Col. Melissa Howard, the Academy’s Pharmacy Flight commander.

The program was launched in August 2012. The clinic also offers the Pediatric OTC Medication Program that began in October 2011.

Approximately 130 beneficiaries have taken advantage of the Adult OTC Medication Program, Howard said. Medications include Tylenol, saline nasal spray, Afrin, Sudafed, Robitussin DM and Mucinex. Medications prescribed will depend on symptoms.

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# Academy honored for community service

By John Van Winkle  
Academy Public Affairs

The Academy was placed in the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll Monday in recognition of its community support.

One of several institutions honored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Academy was cited for its achievements in general community service or in one of two special focus areas that align with the president's education and innovation priorities.

The Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a college can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

During the 2011-2012 academic year, cadets collectively volunteered 38,025 hours of community service to hundreds of different projects and events, as part of the Cadet Service Learning Program, said Lt. Col. Chuck Rinkevich, assistant director of integration and outreach at the Academy's Center for Character and Leadership Development, which

oversees the Cadet Service Learning program.

"Community Service and the concept of Service Learning are part of the Academy's efforts to offer cadet character development programs which emphasize one of the Academy's central core values, Service Before Self," Rinkevich said. "The Cadet Service Learning program attempts to take this core value from the theoretical concepts of the classroom to actual experiences with the goal of a lifelong internalized volunteer ethic and understanding of the value of serving others, particularly in the area of community service."

Some of those efforts were small, with just a few cadets helping out at an elementary school or public event. Some however, were massive in scale, such as the Academy's first Community Outreach Day.

For the community outreach day, 1,535 cadets took part in 28 different projects throughout Colorado Springs, resulting in more than 6,000 hours of community service.

Another project targeted the continuing aftermath of the Waldo Canyon Fire. In September, just weeks after the fire scorched more than 18,000 acres in and along the western edge of Colorado Springs, cadets and faculty members provided help with cleanup and erosion control efforts. Academy personnel plan to return to Blodgett Peak for more fire mitigation in May.



JOHN VAN WINKLE

Cadets create a log berm Sept. 30, 2012, to reduce flood risk on Blodgett Peak, burned by the Waldo Canyon Fire in June. Approximately 400 cadets assisted local wildfire mitigation efforts with cleanup and erosion control in ravines near Blodgett Peak and Ormes Peak. Cadets are scheduled to continue their work on Blodgett Peak in May.

"Communities are strengthened when we all come together, and we are encouraged that these institutions and their students have made service a priority," said U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan. "Civic engagement should be a key component of every student's education experience. Through reaching out to meet the needs of their neighbors, these students are deepening their impact, strengthening our democracy and ul-

timately preparing themselves to be successful citizens."

The cadets' community service efforts continue later this month with the Academy's Alternative Spring Break program, as approximately 60 cadets will spend their spring break building homes for needy families in Des Moines, Iowa; Oklahoma City; Phoenix; Santa Fe, N.M.; and Houston, as part of several Habitat for Humanity projects.

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# Blue Steel vocalist inspires with song

By Amber Baillie  
Academy Spirit staff writer

One of Tech. Sgt. Julie Bradley's favorite aspects of performing in the Academy Band's rock group, "Blue Steel" is the opportunity to connect with the nation's youth, particularly young girls.

A devoted military wife, mother of two and non-commissioned officer in-charge of the band, Bradley has performed live 1,326 times for nearly 8 million military and civilian audience members across the country. If she's influenced even just one girl in her Air Force career, she will feel like she has done her job, she said.

"They are so impressionable and need positive role models," Bradley said. "After every concert I will have mothers and daughters asking me how to join the Air Force, or 'How can I do what you do?'"

Bradley joined the Academy band after she enlisted with the Air Force in 1999. She became a member of Blue Steel in 2000. She's also the NCO in charge of the Academy Band's video production team, which has her overseeing the distribution of band-produced videos, and plays the marching bells in the Academy Marching Band.

"One of the most enjoyable things about being in the band is the opportunity to be an ambassador for the Academy and Air Force," Bradley said. "Wherever we perform, the influence that the band has is felt through the emotional impact of music. We are constantly in the public eye and bring the highest level of professionalism to our mission."

Blue Steel has six members and features drums, bass guitar, guitar, keyboards, an audio engineer, and vocalist Bradley. They perform regularly for cadets, including at the Academy Ring Dance, the

July 4th performance for basic cadets and National Character and Leadership Symposium.

"We support not only cadet events but also other military events at the Academy and Air Force Space Command," Bradley said. "One of the most important missions we have is touring nationally in support of Air Force Academy recruiting. Those tours allow us to perform public concerts for people of all ages and concerts at high schools for a very specific age demographic."

Blue Steel has featured female vocalists in the past but Academy Band manager Chief Master Sgt. John Gohl said Bradley is one of the most versatile singers the band has ever seen.

"She is equally talented and accomplished as a country singer," Gohl said. "When she performed recently on ESPN SportsNation and the Fox and Friends morning show, she demonstrated excellence and brought the Academy message to (more than) four million Americans."

Bradley has been deployed to Africa, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan and Southwest Asia. She spent two years in the country band, "Wild Blue Country," from 2008-2010 before returning to Blue Steel, and was recently recognized in her unit as the 2012 Public Affairs Musician of the Year.

Bradley said she is inspired everyday by women who successfully balance career and family, such as distinguished leaders at the Academy.

"Brig. Gen. (Dana) Born definitely comes to mind as a female leader who has successfully balanced

her career with being a mom and wife," Bradley said. "Col. (Tamra) Rank is also a fantastic role model who has made a lasting impression on me, and Mrs. (Paula) Gould is also someone I really admire."

Bradley is well aware that February is Women's History Month and hopes all Academy members seize every opportunity to recognize those women who have made profound impact on our nation and ultimately the world, she said.

"The Air Force Academy is regarded as a leading educational institution," Bradley said. "Female graduates continue to use their intelligence, imagination, sense of wonder, and tenacity to make extraordinary contributions. Our community enthusiastically supports the continuation of the Academy hosting events for Women's History Month."



Tech. Sgt. Julie Bradley belts out a song during a performance Feb. 20, 2011, featuring the Air Force Academy Band's Blue Steel ensemble and youth orchestras from Colorado Springs and Pasadena, Calif.



Tech. Sgt. Julie Bradley (right) and guitarist Staff Sgt. Ryan Manzi (left) perform at Freeman Amphitheater in Dover, Del., in 2012.

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## Women Academy graduates who have made Air Force history

- **Gen. Janet C. Wolfenbarger**, a 1980 graduate, became the Air Force's first female four-star general in 2012.
- **Lt. Gen. Susan Helms**, a 1980 graduate, became the first U.S. military woman in space in 1993, as a crew member of the Space Shuttle Endeavour.
- **Maj. Gen. Susan Desjardins**, a 1980 graduate, became the first female commandant at the Academy in 2005.
- **Maj. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson**, a 1981 distinguished graduate, was nominat-

ed to be the next Air Force Academy superintendent and first female in the position.

- **Brig. Gen. Dana Born**, a 1983 graduate, became the first female dean of the faculty at the Academy in 2004.
- **Retired Col. Martha McSally**, a 1988 graduate, became the first female U.S. Air Force fighter pilot to fly in combat in 1991.
- **Lt. Col. Nicole Malachowski**, a 1996 graduate, became the first female Air Force Thunderbirds pilot in 2005.



# Expanding culture through language

German professor encourages cadets to think globally



*Editor's note: This is the sixth article in a series focusing on how various units at the Academy "Care for Cadets." Subsequent articles will appear in upcoming editions of the Academy Spirit.*

German air force Lt. Col. Andreas Kaukel shows a plaque listing the names of German officers displayed in Fairchild Hall Tuesday. Kaukel is serving a three year tour teaching German to cadets at the Academy through the German Exchange Officer Program.

Story and photo by  
Airman 1st Class Veronica Ward  
Academy staff writer

For one Academy professor, teaching the German language and culture to cadets is much more a matter of sharing firsthand knowledge than dictating from a textbook.

Foreign language professor Lt. Col. Andreas Kaukel has served in the Luftwaffe — the German Air Force — since 1990 as an educator and pilot, with roughly 2,400 hours of flying time under his belt. Kaukel arrived to teach at the Academy in 2010 through the German Exchange Officer Program. Prior to this, he was in residency at the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

"This is a great opportunity to teach the brightest future officers about the German culture and language," Kaukel said. "It is not only the language with a certain Bavarian dialect that is new for them, but the cultural and military piece is something that is invaluable."

The strong relationship between Germany and the U.S. is important to foster, not only from a political stand-

point, but also as a military partnership, the professor said.

"In a time where NATO allies work hand-in-hand in the fight for freedom and (create) a safer place in the world, it is imperative to know one's culture and thought processes as a military to optimize the work relationship," said Kaukel. "My little part in the nations' relationship here at the Academy is to make the cadets aware of different cultural backgrounds and opinions in the military realm originating from a different cultural perspective."

One way Kaukel and his predecessors fostered the relationship between the U.S. and German militaries was by rejuvenating the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge program. This badge, typically awarded to German service members who excel in athletic and military activities including strength and endurance events, can be earned and worn by cadets.

"If someone from here wears this badge in Germany, it makes an instant connection because it says 'these are the things that I've done'," said Kaukel. "The standards are not any different. This badge is not given away like candy."

Between 80 and 120 cadets each semester earn the badge, said Capt. Phyllis Pelkey, another Academy German language instructor.

While serving his three-year tour at the Academy, Kaukel challenges cadets in his upper level courses to think critically about global events and grasp their impact on their country and Air Force.

"I challenge them, and expect them to respond," said Kaukel. "What will make cadets good officers is to broaden their horizons and look from a different perspective. Information is endless and sometimes it is more beneficial to approach a situation from another direction. The same goal is often reached through different approaches instead of just one being right."

The cadets not only get the benefit of a foreign speaker teaching them his native language, they also get a professor new to the classroom environment.

"I teach through a lot of discussions, all in German," said Kaukel. "I involve current events but also cultural or controversial topics. For example, I may say 'Germany makes the best

cars' and then let the students discuss it. What I am doing is introducing something important to German culture, car manufacturing (for example - while also having the students respond using their language skills."

It's important for cadets to understand there are other air forces outside of the U.S. that share very similar responsibilities, Kaukel said.

"That is the benefit of not having a homegrown person teaching," he said. "Europeans and Americans often disagree, but we can expand our understanding when we share our perspectives. Sending students abroad for a semester gives them a whole new experience and the cadets come back as native speakers."

Kaukel is scheduled to depart the Academy for another assignment this summer. Teaching at the Academy has been the best assignment he's had in his 22 year career, he said.

"There were many opportunities in coming with my family to the United States and teaching in a military educational environment," he said. "Even within my office there is such diversity. And working with the young cadets keeps you young."

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**Senior Airman Hendrick J. Martinez**, 10th Security Forces Squadron  
Airman of the Year

**Tech. Sgt. John M. Seay**, 10th Aero-Medical Dental Squadron  
Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

**Master Sgt. Robert J. Devall**, Cadet Wing  
Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

**Senior Master Sgt. Sean M. Cope**, Prep School  
First Sergeant of the Year

**Capt. Lindsey R. Maddox**, Cadet Wing  
Company Grade Officer of the Year

**Joseph A. Martin**, 10th Medical Group  
Civilian of the Year (Non-Supervisory)

**Richard O. Wood**, Cadet Wing  
Senior Civilian of the Year (Non-Supervisory)

**Kenneth L. Helgersen**, 10th Civil Engineer Squadron  
Civilian Manager/Supervisor of the Year

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Noncommissioned Officer Category – **Staff Sgt. Michael D. Watson**, 10th MDSS

Senior NCO Category – **Master Sgt. Jay R. Valloric**, Cadet Wing

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Richard O. Wood, Cadet Wing Senior Civilian of the Year (Non-Supervisory)



Senior Airman Alisha R. Williams, 10th Medical Dental Support Squadron Honor Guard



Staff Sgt. Michael D. Watson, 10th MDSS Honor Guard

The Academy's latest annual award winners and their families and friends filled the Falcon Club March 6 to recognize the installation's 2012 individual achievers. Presenting the awards were Academy Vice Superintendent Tamra Rank and Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Ludwig, the Academy's command chief. In all, 11 Academy Airmen were recognized at the ceremony.

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## Brothers

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at 18 years old.”

So Tom quit the program, thinking he could re-enter the training pipeline for jet engine mechanics. The Air Force had other plans.

“The Air Force said, ‘Here’s your two choices: POL (Petroleum, Oils and Lubricants) and security forces,’ Tom said. “My basic training instructor was a fuels guy, so I decided I’d do fuels.”

His first assignment took him back to Michigan, where he fueled aircraft at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, in the state’s upper peninsula.

“It was kind of nice, because the first jet fighter I refueled was an F-4 (Phantom),” Tom recalled. “It was a bomber and a tanker base. I got to experience sitting out on the flightline in my cold weather gear, refueling and defueling aircraft.”

Meanwhile, Joe attended Michigan State University, studying toward a degree in astrophysics. He graduated in 1991 to find aerospace jobs had dried up.

“A couple of my friends were Air Force ROTC folks,” Joe said. “They talked me into getting a commission through the Officer Training Program.”

He spent his first years as a missile officer at Malmstrom AFB, Mont., maintaining weapons systems everyone hopes they’ll never have to use.

“I didn’t really feel challenged at the job,” he said. “When you’re dealing with nuclear weapons ... once you’ve been qualified to sit on alert, the job doesn’t change. That’s when I applied to come teach at the Astro Department”

“I did not want to go to college. It was kind of a way to get out of the small town that we lived in.”  
— Capt. Tom Fulton

### DIVERGING PATHS

Tom deployed to Saudi Arabia during the first Iraq War, then volunteered for a short tour to South Korea so he could get a follow-on base of preference assignment at Tyndall AFB, Fla. Tom stayed at Tyndall until 1997, when he moved to Luke AFB, Ariz.

“The intent of my career was to come in the

“It was guaranteed college, guaranteed commission, guaranteed job. The time that I was going to school was considered active-duty time, and that’s really what’s allowing me to retire with 25 years in.”

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Air Force, not go to college and just have fun,” he said. “I would say that’s what I did until my brother came into the Air Force as an officer. Then I started realizing: Hey, wait a minute. I can be an officer. The Air Force has a lot of opportunities, and they kept pushing all the commissioning programs, so I took advantage of those opportunities.”

Tom, a staff sergeant by 1997, applied for and was accepted into the Airman Education and Commissioning Program, a highly competitive accessioning path that pays enlisted Airmen a staff sergeant’s salary to attend school and earn a degree. Now stationed at Luke AFB, Ariz., he signed up to attend Arizona State University.

“It was guaranteed college, guaranteed commission, guaranteed job,” he said. “The time that I was going to school was considered active-duty time, and that’s really what’s allowing me to retire with 25 years in.”

While Tom hit the books in Arizona, Joe also returned to school: the Astronautics Department sent him to the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, to earn a master’s degree in astronautical engineering.

“When I was doing ICBMs, I got a (Master of Business Administration) degree in personal finance through the Minuteman Education Program, and that was 100 percent reimbursement instead of the 75 percent Tuition Assistance at that time,” he said. He returned to the Academy in 2000 and taught here for three years.

Next up for Joe was more school: this time at the University of Colorado in Boulder to earn his PhD. Tom, now an officer, headed to Wright-Patterson AFB. He spent three years as an imagery systems engineer before attending AFIT for a master’s degree in computer science.

The hare was catching up.

(Editor’s Note: Look for Part 2 of “A Tale of Two Brothers” in the March 15 Academy Spirit.)

## Academy officers selected for promotion

By Ray Bowden  
Academy Spirit editor

Eight Academy officers have been selected for promotion among the field grade officer ranks, Air Force Personnel Center officials said Thursday.

Those selected for promotion to colonel (Line of the Air Force) are lieutenant colonels Jennifer Alexander, Anne Clark, John Garver, Scott Nowlin and Brian Paeth, all of the Dean of Faculty staff; and Thomas Dorl of the Cadet Wing.

Also, Maj. Kevin Creedon (Nurse Corps) of the 10th Medical Group was selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel, and Capt. Jared Young (Nurse Corps), also of the 10th MDG, was selected for promotion to major.

“Our mission at the Academy is to develop leaders of character, and we would not be able to do that if we didn’t already have great officers of character here to guide and shape our cadets into the leaders of tomorrow,” said Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould. “These outstanding officers are more than deserving of their promotions and I’m very happy for all of them and their families. I know they are ready, willing and more than able to tackle the great responsibilities that come with these promotions.”

Excited about her pending promotion, Alexander said she’s eager to carry on in her father’s footsteps, a retired Army colonel.

“The thing that’s odd for me is that I’m an Army brat and my dad was a colonel, an O-6. He’s always been ‘Colonel Alexander’ to me, but now that’s me.”

Alexander is more than ready for the increased responsibilities that will accompany her promotion.

“The Air Force had done a great job preparing me, and I just want to uphold the level of trust the Air Force has put in me.”

Paeth, an assistant physics professor, is equally thrilled.

“I take great pride in this promotion, and I look forward to raising the bar of excellence in the Air Force,” Paeth said. “I’m very happy about this promotion.”

## Sequestration

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Dean of Faculty personnel will schedule civilian instructors’ furlough days around the academic calendar to keep graduation on schedule for May 29.

Cuts to other Air Force operations will affect Graduation Week activities, however. The Thunderbirds Air Force Demonstration Squadron canceled its 2013 season when sequestration took effect, said Wendy Varhegyi, chief of the Air Force Public Affairs Office’s Engagement Division, in a statement Monday to The Sun News.

The cancellations would include flyovers at the graduation parade and graduation ceremony, said Sue Christensen, the institutional plans and events specialist for the Strategic Plans and Programs, Requirements, Assessments and Analyses Directorate. No information is currently available on whether funding cuts would affect planning, setup or execution of Graduation Week activities.

Academy military construction projects that were paid for in previous fiscal years, such as the Center

for Character and Leadership Development, will continue, said Carlos Cruz-Gonzalez, the Academy’s director of installations, in a Feb. 8 Academy Spirit article.

Other Air Force-wide cuts may also affect Academy personnel: In a speech at the Air Force Association’s Air Warfare Symposium and Technology Expo Feb. 22, Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley said sequestration will affect Airmen’s professional development due to freezes on non-mission-essential travel.

“(It could) deny the promotions of Airmen who rely on that training as part of their preparation for higher rank,” Donley said. “It could lead to a loss of certification for Airmen in technical specialties that require regular training such as firefighters or explosive ordnance disposal specialists.”

The Air Force will cancel 200,000 flying hours this year as a result of sequestration, which would include training and any other flying not required to support combatant commanders’ requirements, said Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh III.

“Roughly two-thirds of our active-duty combat Air Force units will cancel home-station training ... and will drop below acceptable readiness levels by mid-May,” Welsh said. “Most will be completely non-mission-capable by July.”

Air Combat Command will close the Nevada and Utah test and training ranges and cancel exercises associated with those ranges, according to ACC’s website. Red Flag, the Air Force’s premiere air-to-air training exercise, takes place over the Nevada TTR.

Statewide, approximately 12,000 Defense Department employees will be affected by furloughs, according to fact sheets published by the White House Feb. 22.

Department of Veterans Affairs programs, including disability payments, will not be affected. However, the Labor Department’s Veterans Transition Assistance Program will have to reduce operations, as Labor Department programs are not exempt from sequestration. Colorado’s national parks could also see cuts to services.

Donley condemned the inaction

that has allowed the sequestration to take effect.

“During (more than) three decades now in Washington, I don’t believe I’ve ever witnessed a budget process that is as dysfunctional as the one we’re experiencing today,” he said.

Sequestration came about as part of a deal in August 2011 to raise the U.S. debt ceiling. The Budget Control Act of 2011 established a Jan. 2, 2013, deadline for Congress and the president to enact \$1.2 trillion in deficit-reduction measures between 2013 and 2022, or else automatic across-the-board cuts would take effect. Congress passed a bill Dec. 31, 2012, that moved the deadline to March 1.

The cuts affect discretionary spending, which makes up about 40 percent of the overall U.S. budget. Mandatory spending, which includes Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and some tax credits, comprises the remaining 60 percent.

For more furlough information, including answers to frequently asked questions, visit [www.1.usa.gov/Z7s8B6](http://www.1.usa.gov/Z7s8B6) and [www.bit.ly/101Z1Oo](http://www.bit.ly/101Z1Oo).



# MilPDS begins data system upgrade

By Debbie Gildea  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas** — The Military Personnel Data System will be offline for most of March to allow the Air Force Personnel Operations Agency to upgrade and transfer military personnel data to the Defense Information Systems Agency Defense Enterprise Computing Center, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

MilPDS is the primary records database for personnel data and actions that occur throughout every Airman's career. The system is used to initiate Airman pay actions, maintain Air Force accountability and strength data and support a host of interactions with other Air Force processes and systems.

Planning and preparation for the upgrade have been ongoing for more than a year as systems specialists worked to develop an implementation plan and test transfer actions before beginning the full-transfer, said Anthony Delgado, AFPOA MilPDS functional Manager.

"MilPDS is an old platform that has not kept up with the times," he said. "Because systems changes over the years have been so significant, trying to maintain MilPDS in

its current state is very risky - we could lose some irreplaceable data. The only viable solution is to bring the entire system down, fully upgrade everything so that it's compatible with current technologies, and stand it all back up."

This option came with a host of potential problems as well, he said.

"Clearly, we couldn't just pull down the system and tell people to 'make do,' so the R12 team - with total force representatives from every affected function - developed a comprehensive plan to address how personnel actions will be accomplished during the upgrade, how those actions will be loaded after the upgrade, and more," Delgado explained. "We then provided the total force personnel community with extensive guidance to help them manage actions without MilPDS."

Critical personnel and pay processes related to accessions, reenlistments, Guard and Reserve unit training assemblies, mobilization/activation, casualty and immediate separations will continue to function during the system downtime, Delgado said.

AFPC will notify Airmen once the upgrade is complete and MilPDS is accessible. For more information, visit [www.arpc.afrc.af.mil](http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil).

# Leaders set up task force to close gaps between active-duty, Guard, Reserve

By Staff Sgt. David Salanitri  
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** — Air Force senior leaders recently constructed a task force to develop the best ways to bring the active, Reserve, and Guard closer together to achieve the most capable force possible.

To meet the challenges of the future, the secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force directed the stand-up of the Total Force Task Force, or TF2, to develop strategic options on the appropriate total force capabilities mix to meet current and future Air Force requirements.

"The results of this task force will inform our strategic planning and programming for fiscal 2015 and beyond, and will also serve as a resource to the congressionally-directed national commission on the structure of the Air Force that will be examining total-force issues later this year," said Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley at the Air Force Association's Air Warfare Symposium and Technology Exposition, Feb. 22.

The commission will study the structure of the Air Force to determine how the structure should be modified to best fulfill current and anticipated mission requirements for the Air Force consistent with available resources.

The task force is led by senior leaders from the active-duty, Reserve

and Guard who will work under Lt. Gen. Mike Moeller, the deputy chief of staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, at the Pentagon, in coordination with Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve leadership.

The results of their work will inform the Air Force's planning process for fiscal 2015 and beyond. The expectation is for active, Reserve and Guard components to learn from each other while also looking into the strengths and weaknesses of today's total force efforts.

"The determination of our leadership to break down barriers preventing us from planning and advancing as a total force will drive this effort to success," said Maj. Gen. Joe Balskus, the military assistant to the deputy chief of staff for Strategic Plans and Programs. "The team we have assembled from the three components and the extended team members across Headquarters Air Force, the Air Force secretariat, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve is incredibly impressive."

Over the past two decades, the Air Force has become a more integrated force, both operationally and organizationally, across the total force. As a result, senior leaders want to ensure the service is structured in a way that ensures the service can achieve its strategic objectives going forward, Donley and Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh III stated in a memorandum about the task force.

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Something curved in shape
- 4. Tattoo (slang)
- 7. Therapeutic resort
- 10. His ark
- 12. Organized crime heads
- 14. Actor Connery
- 15. Free from danger
- 16. Honey badger
- 17. Part of a deck
- 18. Cause to run off the tracks
- 20. Classical music form
- 22. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 23. Volt-ampere

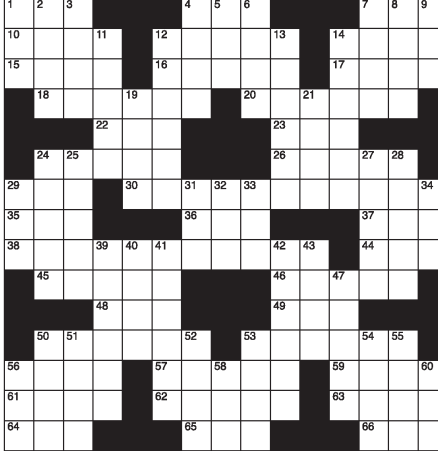
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Autonomic nervous system
- 2. Highway
- 3. Eating house
- 4. Afrikaans
- 5. Likely
- 6. Foot digits
- 7. Place to sit
- 8. For in Spanish
- 9. Also or including
- 11. N W Afghan city
- 12. Black Sea peninsula
- 13. Language of Slovakia
- 14. Divine Egyptian beetle
- 19. What a baby wears to eat

- 24. "Socrate" composer Erik
- 26. Keep up
- 29. Foot raced
- 30. The 44th President
- 35. Aboriginal (abbr.)
- 36. Wedding vow
- 37. 21st Hebrew letter

- 38. "Little Man Tate" director
- 44. Teletype (Computers)
- 45. Discovered alternating current
- 46. Tears down (alt. sp.)
- 48. Resinlike substance

- 49. Military mailbox
- 50. Smoothed wood
- 53. Old Testament book
- 56. Japanese lake with marimo
- 57. Card, dining or coffee
- 59. Checks
- 61. Telephone exchange (abbr.)
- 62. Greek covered walks or colonnades
- 63. Pigmented eye membrane
- 64. No. French river
- 65. Airborne (abbr.)
- 66. Shock therapy

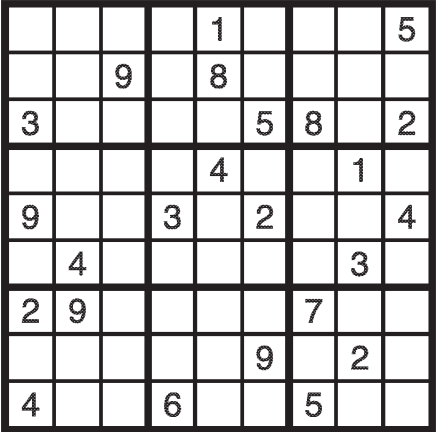


- 21. River of NE Ecuador & N Peru
- 24. European wooden shoe
- 25. Positive pole
- 27. Hereditary social class (Hindu)
- 28. Utters
- 29. British rule over

- India
- 31. \_\_\_ de Janeiro
- 32. Promotional materials
- 33. Narrow collapsible bed
- 34. Whatsoever
- 39. Land surrounded by water

- 40. Ardor
- 41. Aspects
- 42. Removes writing
- 43. \_\_\_ Nui, Easter Island
- 47. Conductor Sir Georg
- 50. Landscaped road (abbr.)
- 51. Research workplaces
- 52. Organized factual information
- 53. A scheme or program
- 54. Female horse or zebra
- 55. Invests in little enterprises
- 56. Signing
- 58. Robert's nickname
- 60. Very fast airplane

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# Falcon boxers square-off



SARAH CHAMBERS

Falcon boxer Gytenis Borusas (left) lands a punch on the head of Falcon boxer Phil May during the 185-pound weight class match at the 2013 Wing Open Boxing Championships, at Clune Arena, Feb. 28. Next up for Academy Boxing is the National Collegiate Boxing Association West Regional Championships in Reno, Nev., March 21-23.



MIKE KAPLAN

Prep School's Adam Fitch takes a shot against Med Group in the Over-30 Intramural Basketball League championships, Feb. 27.

## Intramural Roundup: Prep School wins championship

By Dave Castilla  
10th Force Support Squadron athletics director

Prep School and 10th Medical Group, the top teams in the Academy's Over-30 Intramural Basketball League, battled at the Sport and Fitness Center Feb. 27 with Prep School winning 42-37 in the championship game, and 34-30 in the "if necessary game."

The championship game between the No. 1-seed Prep School and the No. 2-seed Med Group played out like a grudge match. The score at half time was 16 even; George Harmes scored 10 of the Med Group's first-half points and Prep School's Mark Holum and Pete Nielsen scored 13 of Prep School's 16 points. Prep School opened the second half with six straight points, with the medics followed up with six of their own to tie the game 22-22. After a Prep School timeout, the Med Group went on a 13-7 run and with the aid of two intentional fouls, lead 35-29. After several baskets from Med Goup's Josh Miller and Charles Haggerty put Med Group's lead at 39-31, the preps were never able to catch up. Harmes and Holum lead their

teams with 16 point each.

With Prep School's loss, the two teams would face each other in the "if necessary game," with the teams playing two 12 minute halves instead of two 20 minute halves. Pat Cording started off hot, scoring two buckets and five points; teammate Harmes made a basket taking the Med Group to an early 7-0 early lead. Cording hit another three and baskets from Harmes and Zarcariaous Presha pushed the lead to 14-3. Cording continued his run, scoring six of the Med Group's next 8 points as they breezed into halftime with a 13 point lead, 22-9.

Prep School dazed the Medics with their first half showing, and came alive quick and fast as they went on a 13-4 run to start the second half of the "if necessary" game. Holum and Adam Fitch scored to cut the medic lead to four 26-22. A basket from Cording and a free throw from Harmes pushed the Med Group's lead back to seven 29-22. Prep School went for a come-back with four free throws from Holum, sandwiched around a basket from Pete Nielsen, while the Med Group held on to their one point lead, 29-28. Prep

School took the lead as Fitch hit a jumper with less than 60 seconds. Prep school turned up the defense, which forced a medic turnover; after the turnover, the medics fouled and Nielsen sank two free throws, taking the score to 32-29. Harmes went to the foul line and made one of two free throws, for a 32-30 score. The medics fouled Holum and upped the score to 34-30 with two free throws. With 17 seconds on the clock, the Med Group in-bounded but could not make basket to get the score closer.

"It was a really good game," Presha said. "Prep School fought back but there were just too many turnovers from Med Group and not enough offense in the second half."

This is the second year in a row Med Group and Prep School have met in the finals with Prep School winning both championship games.

The Academy is tentatively scheduled to host the Rocky Mountain Over-30 Basketball Championship tomorrow.

"The only intramural sport I participate in is basketball," Presha said. "It's it's a great opportunity to get everyone together and get out and have some fun."

For more information on Academy intramurals, call 333-4078.

## UPCOMING FALCON SPORTS EVENTS

- BASEBALL: Falcons take on Gardner-Webb, in Boiling Springs, N.C.
- MEN'S GYMNASTICS: Today for a neutral site contest with Arizona State and Washington, in Tucson, Ariz.
- MEN'S BASKETBALL: 4 p.m. (MT), tomorrow to take on New Mexico.
- WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS: Tomorrow, in Ypsilanti, Mich.
- BOXING: March 21-23 for the West Regional Championships, Reno, Nev.
- TRACK AND FIELD: Today and tomorrow, NCAA Indoor Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.
- HOCKEY: 7:05 p.m. (MT), March 15-17 to host the best-of-three AHA quarterfinal series, Cadet Ice Arena.





Falcon football season tickets renewals available

By Troy Garnhart  
Academy Athletics communications

Air Force football season tickets went on sale Monday and season ticket holders will receive email notification, while paper applications will go out during the week of March 23. Ticket renewals are now available online; fans who renew online will not be charged a \$15 handling fee and are eligible for a sweepstakes with prize giveaways each week for the next 13 weeks, leading up to a grand prize drawing at the end of the season. The grand prize is the Ultimate Falcon Fan Pack, which includes free

away game tickets and tickets to the Notre Dame and Army games. One prize a week will be given away; the first prize is free tickets to the Air Force versus New Mexico men's basketball game, Saturday. Other prizes include ski passes at a local ski resort, Blue-Silver tickets to a Mountain West Conference game, Notre Dame and Army tailgate spots, gift certificates to the Falcon Gift Shop, gift cards to a local barbeque restaurant, free season tickets, free season ticket upgrades and more. For official sweepstakes rules and information, visit [www.goairforcefalcons.com](http://www.goairforcefalcons.com).

Women's relay team shatters Academy record

Men clock Academy's 2nd-fastest in relay

By Valerie Perkin  
Assistant Athletic Media Relations Director

**SOUTH BEND, Ind.** — With a time of 11:24.78, the Air Force women's distance medley relay team obliterated the Academy record as members of the Air Force track and field team wrapped up the indoor regular season at the Alex Wilson Invitational here. The quartet of Morgan Mosby, Bethany Gross and Melissa Furerst and Annette Eichenberger combined for a time that knocked nearly 25 seconds off of the previous Academy standard. Air Force, which defended its conference title last weekend, clocked the fourth-fastest time in Mountain West Conference history to finish seventh in a deep relay field that featured five of the top eight times in the nation this season. Air Force only competed in one individual race on Saturday, as junior Alex Lindsay clocked an 800-meter time of 1:49.93 to move into fifth on the program's all-time list. He finished 16th overall in the 52-runner field.

On the men's relay, the quartet of Jake Hawkins, Jake Spuller, Alex Lindsay and Zach Perkins combined to cross the finish line in a time of 9:34.51, to move into second on the Academy's all-time list. Air Force finished 18th in a stacked DMR field that featured 14 teams that bettered the season's previous NCAA-leading time. This was the third straight year that an Air Force men's relay squad has clocked one of the two fastest times in Academy history at the Alex Wilson Invitational. In the Falcons' only individual race of the night, senior Jen Bremser finished 15th in the 5,000-meter run behind a time of 17:04.96 – the second-fastest time of her career. Freshman Dylan Bell, the only field event athlete who traveled to South Bend this weekend, placed third in the pole vault with a mark of 16'11½". Although that height matched the best clearance of the day at the Loftus Sports Center, Bell earned his final placement based on attempts at the 16'11½" bar.

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## AFSA meetings at Falcon Club

The Academy chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association meets the third Wednesday of every month at 3:30 p.m. in the Falcon Club. For more information, call 333-8075.

## Claims against Walsh estate

All persons, firms and corporations with claims against the estate of deceased Cadet 4th Class James L. Walsh must present them to Capt. Sashonna Zacour by today.

All claims must be legally authenticated by the Academy's Staff Judge Advocate office for pro-rata payment, or they will be forever barred, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons, firms or corporations indebted to this estate should make immediate payment in care of the legal office.

For questions, contact Zacour at 333-0635.

## Spring turkey hunt applications

The Academy will host its spring turkey hunting season April 13-May 26.

The hunt is open to the general pub-

lic; 10 hunters will be allowed to use their state over-the-counter turkey license at the Academy after they successfully draw for a base access permit, following a \$10 fee.

The Outdoor Recreation Center will accept applications for the drawing throughout March, in person or over the phone at 333-4356, for \$6. Successful applicants will be notified during the first week of April.

Turkey hunting is limited to shotgun or handheld bow only, and all hunters will be escorted by base personnel. For more information, call 333-3336 or 333-3308.

## Women's History Month

Dr. Ranee Shenoï will give a Women's History Month presentation in the Falcon Club ballroom March 18 at 11:30 a.m.

Shenoï will speak on the current Women's History Month theme "Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics."

A menu of grilled chicken or vegetarian bowtie pasta with fresh vegetables will cost \$11 for Club members, \$13 for non-members and \$2 for cadets. Reservations are required in advance.

## Library campout

The base library will host an indoor campout for children ages 5-12 today from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Explore the woods and the creatures within them from the warmth of the library. Campfire food, spooky story time, special visitors and other activities are planned.

Children should be accompanied by one adult. To sign up, call 333-4665.

## Air Force Cycling seeks bikers

The Air Force Cycling Team is comprised of regional and base cycling teams who participate in riding and recruitment events. Team Colorado is accepting applications from active duty, Guard, Reserve and retired Air Force members.

Initial qualifications include a current passing fitness score for Airmen, the ability to lift 50 pounds and a government driver's license.

Cyclists are eligible for permissive TDY status.

To apply for the team or for more information, call 567-4038 or visit [www.afcycling.com](http://www.afcycling.com).

## Easter brunch at Falcon Club

The Falcon Club will host three Easter brunch seatings 11 a.m., noon, and 1:30 p.m., March 31.

The cost is \$29.95 for adults, \$10 for children 5-10, and free for children 4 and younger. Falcon Club members receive a \$5 discount.

To reserve a seat, call 333-4253.

## Fort Carson offers vets support

Fort Carson will host free, confidential support group meetings for service members who have experienced combat, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, in the Warrior Transition Barracks' day room.

Free support meetings also occur at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the YMCA on Jet Wing Drive.

These meetings are designed to give service members a chance to talk about their experiences with other combat vets.

These meetings are designed for service members who may be experiencing a variety of symptoms since returning from a combat zone:

- Feeling like a different person;
  - Experiencing a change in relationship with loved ones;
  - Finding it difficult to relate to others;
  - Difficulty sleeping;
  - Experiencing nightmares on a regular basis;
  - Feeling anxious, depressed, angry, confused, emotionless or disoriented;
  - Craving for an adrenaline rush;
  - Abuse of alcohol or other substances;
  - Difficulty coping with an injury.
- For more information, contact the support group at 526-9799.

## Japan consul seeks supporters

The Consul-General of Japan in Denver is looking for Colorado Springs service members who participated in the Operation Tomodachi disaster relief mission during the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan.

This includes those stationed in Japan or who supported the mission from afar.

These personnel will receive an invite to be honored at a ceremony

in March hosted by the Consul-General. Specific details of the event, including date and time, will be provided with the invitation.

For more information, call Capt. Jeff Davis at 554-6889.

## A&FRC events

For information on Airman and Family Readiness Center events, contact the A&FRC at 333-3444.

### Résumé writing workshop

9 a.m.-noon, March 27. One of the most important steps in the job search process is writing a solid résumé that gets an employer's attention.

An effective résumé will open the door to an interview and possibly your next career. The course will also discuss cover letters.

**SCORE - Starting your own business.** 9 a.m.-noon, April 3. Attend this free workshop and then decide if you'd like to attend the series of five advanced workshops that follow.

## Library seeks volunteer readers

The Community Center Library seeks volunteers to read for children. Both adults and children may apply.

Stop by the library to pick up a volunteer form.

## Travel trailer training available

Anyone planning to rent a trailer from the Outdoor Recreation Center when camping trailers are available May 1 must complete a travel trailer training course.

The free classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 p.m., but seats must be reserved in advance with the cashier.

Customers who wish to rent a towable trailer must also have the Outdoor Recreation Center conduct an electrical hookup check at least one week prior to checkout.

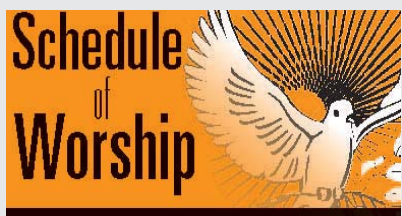
For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 333-4475.

## St. Patrick's Day Walk

The Falcon Wanderers will host the 16th Annual St. Patrick's Day Walk March 9, in Colorado Springs.

Registration for this free event is from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., March 9.

For more information, call 719-632-9320, 719-231-9643 or email [walking@falconwanderers.org](mailto:walking@falconwanderers.org).



## Cadet Chapel

### BUDDHIST

Sundays, 10 a.m.; Thursdays, 6:20 p.m.

### PROTESTANT

**Traditional:** Sundays, 9 a.m.

**Contemporary:** Sundays, 11 a.m.

### CATHOLIC

#### Mass:

Sundays, 10 a.m.

Mondays, 6-6:20 p.m.

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:15 a.m.

Wednesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.

Thursdays, 6:15-6:45 a.m.

### JEWISH

**Shabbat:** Fridays, 7 p.m.

### MUSLIM

**Jum'ah:** Fridays, 12:30-2 p.m.

## Community Center Chapel

### CATHOLIC WORSHIP

**Mass:** Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays-Fridays, 11:30 a.m.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 3:30 p.m.

**Formation Classes:** For students in grades K-8. Sundays, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

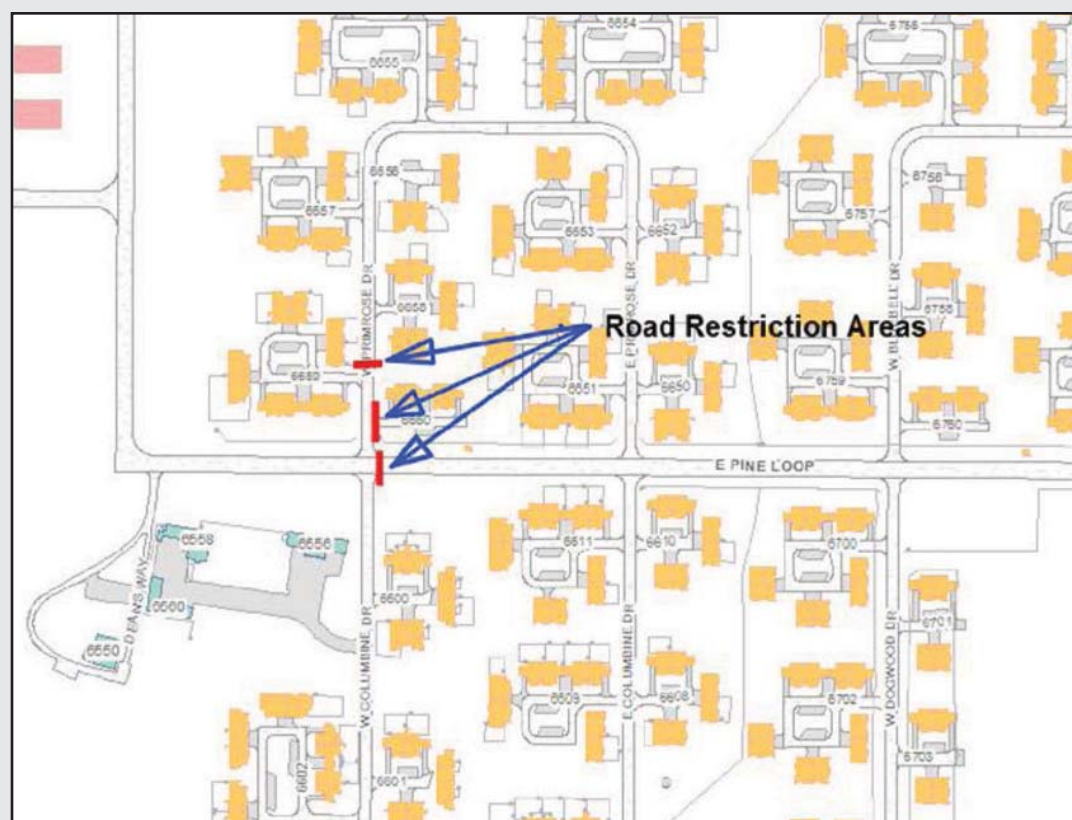
### PROTESTANT WORSHIP

**Evangelical:** Sunday, 10:15 a.m.

**Gospel:** Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

### PROTESTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sundays, 9 a.m.



## Road restrictions in Pine Valley

The following roads will be restricted due to construction Monday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

- **East Pine Loop** - One lane open Monday.

- **West Primrose Drive at Unit 6660** - Closed Tuesday.

- **West Primrose Drive at Unit 6659** - Closed Wednesday.

Drivers should expect traffic control devices and road crews to be in the area. For more information, call 719-333-3773.







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